

handling of certain azodyes which are detrimental to health is under consideration and objections from the public against the proposed move have been invited in accordance with the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986. A decision in the matter will be taken keeping all the factors under consideration.

Bridge

3395. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to construct bridge over creek at Kiranpani joining two States viz. Maharashtra and Goa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) There is no proposal to construct the bridge in question at present under any of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Sports Activities in Bihar

3396. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to organise any training camp at National level with a view to encourage sports activities in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) National level training camps are organised at the various centres of Sports Authority of India only for training National teams for their participation in international events.

[English]

Ayurvedic Treatment

3397. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any step during Eighth Five Year Plan to promote Ayurvedic treatment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to promote Ayurvedic treatment and health care during Ninth Five Year Plan.

(d) if so, the scheme proposed thereon; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). During the Eighth Plan period a separate Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy for the promotion and development of these systems has been established. Within a modest Eighth Plan outlay of Rs. 88 crores, financial assistance has been provided to Ayurvedic Colleges for infrastructure, for plantation of medicinal plants and for inservice training. The National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur, Institute of Post Graduate training and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar, Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapith, Delhi and Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha have also been assisted. The work for developing pharmacopoeial standards has been continued.

(c) to (e). For addressing the needs of Ayurveda sector adequately the Working Group for ISM and H for Ninth Plan has recommended an outlay of Rs. 1840 crores. Some of the proposals setting up of treatment facilities at district level infrastructure support for block level dispensaries, Ayurvedic health care to beneficiaries under the Central Govt. Health Scheme, support to NGOs for preventive health, large scale Vanaspati Vans on wastelands, meaningful assistance to Ayurvedic Colleges and Research/Development issues and areas of concern.

RPO Ahmedabad

3398. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :
SHRI P.S. GADHAVI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Regional Passport Office (RPO), Ahmedabad is presently located in a highly congested place in the city;

(b) whether it is a fact that a decision was taken by the Government to shift the office and a sum of Rs. 85 lakhs was sanctioned for the construction of a new building for the RPO;

(c) whether it is also a fact that neither the RPO was shifted nor the construction of new RPO building was undertaken; and

(d) if so, the reasons for non-implementation of Government's policies and action proposed by the Government in the matter?